

**Introduced by Senator Ashburn**

February 24, 2006

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An act to amend Section 13998.10 of the Government Code, relating to economic development, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1698, as introduced, Ashburn. Military and aerospace enterprise development.

(1) Existing law requires the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to implement a space industry development program, subject to the appropriation of funds for this purpose, and requires the agency to contract with a nonprofit corporation to assist in its administration of these activities, according to specified criteria, as well as serve as the California Spaceport Authority.

Existing law also requires the nonprofit corporation to issue solicitations for the existing California Space Enterprise Competitive Grant Program and to evaluate grant proposals with the assistance of an impartial review panel to be established by the corporation, according to specified criteria. Existing law requires the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing to award grants based upon these criteria if funds for this purpose are appropriated by the Legislature.

This bill would appropriate \$2,000,000 from the General Fund to the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency for purposes of funding the California Space Enterprise Competitive Grant Program.

(2) Existing law, until January 1, 2007, establishes the Office of Military and Aerospace Support in the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, and sets forth its duties and authority with respect to

developing and recommending to the Governor and the Legislature a strategic plan for state and local defense retention and conversion.

This bill would extend the operation of these provisions to January 1, 2009.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. The sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) is  
2     hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Business,  
3     Transportation and Housing Agency for purposes of funding the  
4     California Space Enterprise Competitive Grant Program  
5     established under Section 13999.4 of the Government Code.  
6     SEC. 2. Section 13998.10 of the Government Code is  
7     amended to read:  
8     13998.10. This chapter shall remain in effect only until  
9     January 1, ~~2007~~ 2009, and as of that date is repealed, unless a  
10    later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, ~~2007~~ 2009,  
11    deletes or extends that date.